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TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

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THE BOYCOTT OF JAPAN.

PROTEST AGAINST CHINESE STUDENT MEETINGS.

Shanghai, May 22.
The Japanese Minister has lodged a strong protest against educational bodies holding open-air meetings advocating the boycott of Japanese goods. The Palace and the Cabinet have consulted on the matter with the Commanders of Constabulary, who, however, were unwilling to interfere with these meetings. The Government will now make peace with the students on the following terms:—The cancellation of the proposal to appoint Tien Ying-wong as Minister of Education, while the students must resume study immediately. The student bodies, therefore, held an emergency meeting on the 20th, but failed to come to a decision.

MANCHURIAN RIVER INCIDENT.

JAPANESE STOPPED FROM LANDING TROOPS.

Shanghai, May 21.
A Japanese cruiser entered Kwantung River and wanted to land troops on the pretext of protecting the place from Russian attack, but the Kirin Tuchen stopped them and asked the Government to make a protest with the Japanese Minister.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

NORTHERN DELEGATES PERSUADED TO REMAIN.

Shanghai, May 21.
Over a hundred delegates, representing various Peace Societies and commercial bodies in Shanghai, proceeded to the railway station and persuaded the Northern delegates not to proceed North. The peace delegates agreed and returned to Shanghai to wait Chu Kai-kim's return to Shanghai from Hangchow.

FOUR PROPOSALS.

Shanghai, May 22.
Chien Nung-fun has decided on the following measures regarding the Peace Conference:—First, before re-opening the Conference the South must formally recognise Chu Sai-chong as President; second, since there will be no further fighting, the Conference should resume as soon as possible; third, the Northern delegates to remain at Nanking pending the South's decision; fourth, the Cabinet to adhere to its present peace policy.

Chu Kai-kim arrived at Nanking yesterday evening secretly from Hangchow via Shanghai.
It is reported that the Central Government has arranged with Luk Wing-ting, giving him the Vice Presidency, provided he will cancel self-government.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE COTTON COMMISSION.

London, May 16.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Suggden, Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland said he hoped it would be possible, with the co-operation of the cotton industry, to arrange for the despatch of a Commercial Mission, including representatives of the interests concerned, to investigate the Eastern markets for cotton piece-goods. Any such Mission would take into account all questions appertaining to their inquiry, but it would not be practicable to authorise it to negotiate agreements on behalf of the Government.

GERMAN BANK IN CHINA.

BRITISH MINISTER TO REPORT ON LIQUIDATION.

London, May 15.
In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Bellairs, Mr. Harmsworth stated that the Government had no recent information as regards the progress made with the liquidation of the Deutsch Asiatische Bank in China. The British Minister has been telegraphically asked to report on the present position.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S FUTURE POST.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF INDIA'S FORCES.

London, May 15.
The Times says when General Sir Charles Monro retires, it may be assumed that Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig will have an opportunity of succeeding him.
[General Sir Charles Carmichael Monro has been Commander-in-Chief of the forces in India since 1916. He was in command of the 1st Army Corps in 1915-16. He was mentioned in despatches twice.]

THE PRICE OF SILVER.

FORTY YEARS' RECORD BROKEN.

London, May 15.
Messrs. Samuel, Montagu and Company's report on the silver market says the removal of the maximum price and the free grant of export licences has had a very great and immediate effect on the market. Owing to the absence of stock silver, from which instant Continental demands could be supplied, the price has moved with absolutely unprecedented speed. The quotation of 58d on the 10th inst. was a record since January, 1877. Subsequently, sufficient supplies were forthcoming to meet the demand, and this caused lower rates. The China exchanges have not moved in anything like the same proportion as the value of silver. The quotation to-day equals 5s. 3s. 16d. to the toel, excluding expenses of transmission compared with the cable rate of 5s. 2s. 12d.

London, May 16.
Silver is quoted at 54d. to 53 1/2d. The market is steady.
London, May 19.
Silver is quoted at 53 1/2d. to 53 1/4d. The market is steady.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE AFGHAN SITUATION.

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH ATTACKS.

Simla, May 17.

Reuter's special correspondent at Peshawar says great admiration is expressed at the work of the aeroplanes, which are proceeding daily into an unknown and dangerous country where no landing is possible. The machines go off at dawn and often do not return till dusk. They have bombed military objectives at Bagram and Jallalabad. The Afghan abandonment of Dakka was largely due to the work of aeroplanes. The machines have greatly assisted the troops in the recent fighting, machine-gunning and dropping bombs on the enemy. As scouts they have been invaluable, covering the country in front of Khyber Pass and in passing through Zakkha, Khelab and the Mohmand countries. They gave prompt information of the arrival of Afghan levies on our flanks, helping with appropriate action. The enemy was reduced to the necessity of doing his movements at night. The roads were deserted by day. The Afghans were afraid to pitch camp, passing the day in widely scattered nooks and crannies in the hilly country. Since the dropping of bombs of the largest size on the military objective at Jallalabad, the bazaars have been empty. The wounding by a bomb, of the Afghan Commander impressed the Afghans as to how aeroplanes could hit individuals. The Amir has been advised not to put up an Imperial camp. Aeroplanes have been used for propaganda purposes, dropping a thousand copies of the Viceroy's Proclamation on the Jallalabad Road.

The panic-stricken Afghans abandoned Dakka before our troops approached. The Shinwaris entered the town for the purpose of looting but fled at the sight of our cavalry, leaving the town half sacked. We found a quantity of war material, including 303 ammunition. The inhabitants left money and jewellery behind.

On Thursday, after a night march, a large Afghan concentration occupied a ridge west of Dakka and made a faint-hearted attack on Friday. They were easily beaten off. On Saturday we attacked the Afghans, who, in attempting to stand, sustained heavy losses. We captured the ridge. An official report says:—The Afghans attacked our position at Dakka on the 15th inst., but were driven off after heavy fighting. They abstained from further attacks during the night. On the morning of the 17th, our force at Dakka attacked the Afghans. The enemy was estimated to number eight battalions, with many guns and is believed to have been augmented by tribesmen. Aeroplanes, co-operating, bombed Basawal and Jallalabad. Our troops at Khyber cleared the hill south of Ali Musjid, snipers causing trouble and annoyance to our convoys. One aeroplane reconnoitring was forced to descend in Bazar Valley. Lieutenants Barker and Hoare, airmen, report that they were well treated at Zakkha Khel. The attitude of the border tribes is satisfactory in spite of efforts by the Afghans to embroil them against us.

CHINA AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

London, May 16.

(The following is the concluding portion of a message concerning an Anglo-Chinese meeting held in London, the first part is not to hand.)

There was hardly any limit to the growth of the market for manufactures which China would offer under a better administration and with improved internal communications. The principle of the Open Door, with equal opportunities for all importing nations, must be strictly enforced. Britain and the United States had stood honestly together on behalf of that policy, and with their cordial co-operation, on which there was every reason to count, it could be made effective. It was, however, through the League of Nations that the whole problem of reconstruction in China could best be approached. No nobler work could await it than in helping to save a great and ancient nation from its present strife and possible anarchy. Let us commend this task to the League as one of the most urgent awaiting its action.

Mr. Chang Ting-wang said China supported the League because it fully harmonised with their cherished ideals. Despite the adverse decision regarding Shantung, he still believed the League would right the wrongs of China. The application of Britain's portion of the Boxer Indemnity to educational purposes, would be tremendously valuable in cementing Anglo-Chinese friendship. China could assist in preventing another world war by making herself strong. Moral force, not physical force, would command China's allegiance. China was proud to see young Western nations like Britain and the United States championing her own ancient ideals.

Sir Charles Addis said China's most urgent security was the national security which the League of Nations offered her in a way that could not be found in any other quarter. The great canker in the life of China was military despotism.
Mr. C. A. McCurdy said China's real contribution to the League would be to help to supply a foundation of pure morality.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI PURITY CAMPAIGN.

COMMISSION BEING APPOINTED.

Shanghai, May 22.
The Municipal Council is appointing a Vice Commission of six members, three representing the Council and three the ratepayers, to investigate moral conditions in the Settlement.

MALAYAN AIR SQUADRONS FUND.

Singapore, May 21.
The accounts of the Malayan Air Squadrons Fund show that in all \$600,000 was subscribed.

LENGTHY SERVICE.

Singapore, May 21.
Mr. J. C. H. Daily, who for 30 years has been electrician at Singapore for the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., returns to-day.

GALLANT CAPTAIN HONOURED.

Singapore, May 21.
Captain Mayger, of Gallipoli, has been presented with a bar to his Military Cross by His Excellency the Governor at a special Military parade.

AERIAL EXPERT'S RETURN.

Singapore, May 21.
General Barton, the aerial expert, has returned from Java.



NG KWAN-CHAK.

A Hongkong "boy" who has knitted 193 pairs of socks for the troops, and who to-day was presented by the Hongkong Government with a wristlet watch in appreciation of his diligence in this respect.

PRESENTATION TO CHINESE "BOY."

DILIGENCE IN KNITTING SOCKS.

A presentation of a wristlet watch was made this morning in the Council Chamber by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.) to Ng Kwan-chak, a "mark" of appreciation by the Government of Hongkong for the numerous articles that he has knitted for His Majesty's troops. The recipient is engaged as a "boy" by Mrs. A. H. Milroy. Mrs. Milroy with a party of ladies and the Hon. Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher (Colonial Secretary) and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax were present.

His Excellency, addressing Ng Kwan-chak said:—I had the pleasure of meeting you here the other day, and after speaking to you and finding out what you have done during the war, I felt that your self-denying work in giving up your spare

time to knitting various articles for His Majesty's troops who were engaged in fighting and the appreciation of all of us was so remarkable that it would be only right for the Government of this Colony to recognise it in some way which would always remind you of what you have done. I find that you altogether knitted 193 pairs of socks and many of the garments are not counted, and that you prepared hundreds of small articles for sale on "Heather Day" and St. George's Day. Your work was spread over for a period of something like four years. The best reward that you have had for your work are the numerous letters of thanks that you received from the troops. This small presentation of a wrist watch is a token of appreciation from the Government of Hongkong. The inscription on the watch—what is written there—is "Presented to Ng Kwan-chak by the Government of Hongkong, in appreciation of his diligence for knitting articles for His Majesty's troops."

His Excellency then presented the watch and shook hands with the recipient, and the proceedings terminated.

THE ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

Shanghai, May 21.
Chinese dealers have notified American importers of their refusal hereafter to take delivery of ordered goods if they are brought on Japanese liners. This is a blow to American business men.

ADMIRAL JELlicoe's TOUR.

Singapore, May 21.
Naval headquarters have no knowledge of the report in Ceylon papers that Admiral Jellicoe's visit to Hongkong, Singapore and Colombo has been cancelled.

A SINGAPORE BANKRUPTCY.

Singapore, May 20.
At the examination of Harold Latham in bankruptcy, the debtor stated that in three years he made \$315,551 on shipping brokerage but lost \$60,000, to various sea captains on account of shares.

JAPAN'S WAR SPOILS.

Singapore, May 20.
The Japanese cruiser Nissin, four destroyers and four ex-German submarines are in port. Four more destroyers, three submarines and one repair ship are expected. The submarines will be opened to the public. The fleet sails next week.

HONOUR FOR A STRAITS CHINESE.

Singapore, May 21.
There was a large gathering at Government House for the presentation of the O.B.E. to Dr. Lim Boon Keng. The Governor referred with gratitude to the loyalty and generosity of the Chinese during the war.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 6.7-15d.

The Weather.

Forecast:—Fair. Barometer:—29.86. Temperature 2 p.m.:—74. Humidity 3 p.m.:—77.

LEST WE FORGET.

On 15th September 12.50 at Palsay Ridge (Aisne) we had repulsed an attack of the Germans. The Northampton were on our left. After the repulse we saw a party of Germans come out of wood in our front about 600 yards off with four stretchers and a Red Cross flag waving. Our Colonel ordered the cease-fire and the party advanced some 200 or 300 yards. The next thing we knew was five or 10 minutes after the trenches were swept with maxim fire. Under cover of this a strong body of the enemy formed and advanced to our trenches. They failed in this and we charged. When amongst them wounded after driving them off we found the stretchers with machine guns still strapped in them. Official deposition of British H. C. O. before Committee on German Outrages.

DAY BY DAY.

Among the passengers who left by the Aki Maru were Mr. H. P. Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Newall.

A meeting of representatives of firms occupying offices in the Hongkong Hotel Mansions was held last evening for the purpose of appointing a Committee to arrange for the uniform decoration and illumination of the building on the occasion of the Peace Celebrations. The following were elected:—Mr. H. R. Beaupre (the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.), Mr. W. B. Walker (Standard Oil Company) and Mr. Hall.

A thief was met by an Indian constable yesterday carrying a quantity of stolen coal on the Praya at Watchoi. In the struggle which followed, the thief seized the opportunity of catching the constable by the back of the head and once secured a good hold on the mass of hairy growth, he hung tenaciously on to it, bringing the policeman helpless down to the ground. This struggle took place near the Police Station, and a European Sergeant, hearing the commotion, came out and was able to render useful help in bringing the unwilling captive into the Station.

Neglect on the part of a Chinese to provide for his wife, has cost him his job. The woman, not knowing this, yesterday made her periodical visit to the Astor House Hotel where he was employed, to try by force of words to induce him to give her money. She was informed that her husband had been dismissed on account of the continual disturbances raised by her. This occasion a fresh flow of violent speech on her part, which only somewhat subsided when she found herself in the hands of a constable. Brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsay to-day, she was cautioned by the Magistrate and released.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—8.15 and 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—8.15 and 9.15 p.m.

A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.—Ordinary General Meeting at the Hongkong Hotel—noon.

SATURDAY, MAY 24.

Empire Day.
Polo Club Gymkhana at the Race Course—4 p.m.
Orangemen's Club's "At Home."

THURSDAY, MAY 23.

"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.—Meeting of Shareholders at the Hongkong Hotel—noon.
Messrs. J. L. & Co., Ltd.—Meeting of Shareholders at the Hongkong Hotel—noon.

GENERAL NEWS.

KING OF SPAIN'S TOUR.

King Alfonso of Spain has informed the Argentine Charge d'Affaires at Madrid that he expects to visit South America shortly from Buenos Aires. The King declared that Spain's financial condition was flourishing. He also said that it was desired Spain could lend Argentina \$50,000,000 at low interest. It was his object, he said, to develop commerce with South America, especially Argentina.

MOTOR-SCOOTER RACE.

The first open race for motor-scooter owners in England is being planned. The motor-scooter is becoming popular and many well-known people, including Lady Norman and Admiral Hall, are to be seen daily riding their machines in the West End. The race will be held over a course of about five miles near London. No dangerous speeds will be attained and the competition will be so arranged that the winner is the most skilful driver of a reliable machine.

RED CROSS SHOP CLOSED.

The American Red Cross Shop at Peking has closed its doors and wound up its affairs after a highly successful career of seven months and will shortly turn over to the Peking Chapter a sum of over \$3,000, representing the net profits of its enterprise. The Peking Chapter of the American Red Cross has not yet made up its mind what to do with the funds derived from the Shop, but the chairman, Mr. W. B. Pettus, states that they will be used for relief purposes as the occasion therefor arises.

LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

The League to Enforce Peace with 300,000 members is taking an active part in the campaign to bring the provisions of the League of Nations before the people of the United States through lectures and other means. The Chicago Daily News has been conducting a canvass among the citizens of Chicago in order to find out how the people stand on the question of the League. More than two to one to those who express any preference favour the League as it stands.

HEALTHY MAN WHO SPREAD DISEASE FOR 37 YEARS.

How a typhoid carrier (a person who has the germs always in his body does not suffer from the disease) spread typhoid fever for 37 years while quite well himself is described by Dr. S. T. Champaloup in the British Medical Journal. In 1881 the man had typhoid fever, and the record of his disease distribution is as follows. Shortly after his recovery he was one of a party of shepherds among whom 13 cases of typhoid occurred, several dying. Two years later, while shearing again, three of his work-mates got the disease. Three years after this he gave typhoid to the cook and several fellow-sheepers. Two years later he infected one fellow-worker. "His last association with the disease," says Dr. Champaloup, "was in 1918, when a man came to the farm, occupied the old man's room, and shared his meals. This man caught typhoid fever, and in investigating the case the doctor discovered the carrier. The carrier was a hale, sturdy old man, and had always been remarkably well."

SPORT TO SAVE STRIKES.

A memorial has been presented to the Prime Minister by the national associations governing sport pointing out that additional opportunities for sport and recreation will tend to reduce unrest and a tendency to strikes. The memorial proposes that the Government acquire ground to be let at low rentals and that the Legislature urge municipalities and public bodies to use their powers to provide adequate playing fields for various localities. The ratio of ground needed for recreation, excluding school playing fields, is suggested as a minimum of two acres per 1,000 of population. It is further proposed that railway fares for sports bodies be considerably reduced, that the entertainment tax should not apply to gatherings where the average receipts are less than \$5, and that the State should exempt all grounds that come within the scope of those not running for profit from the payment of Imperial taxes, with certain minor exceptions. It is also urged that the State should make such grants to local authorities as the Treasury may fix in lieu of rates payable in respect of sports grounds. The memorial has been forwarded to the various Secretaries of State and to all members of the House of Commons.

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LIQUIDATION OF THE GERMAN BANK.

FIGGE'S ATTEMPTS TO COVER UP HIS TRACKS.

Of the liquidation of the German Bank under the superintendence of Mr. G. Passeri and Sun Hanchang the public already knows something and has, perhaps, guessed more. There have, at any rate, been quite a number of opportunities of gleaming information. There was, for example, the article published by the North-China Daily News a long time ago. There was the big action in the Mixed Court and there have been a whole series of smaller cases, wherein Germans who owed the Bank money have been ordered to pay up. And there have been informers, ready after the manner of their kind, to make a little on the quiet. It is never easy to be at once tortuous and successfully secretive and in view of the fact that from the outbreak of the war down to 14th August, 1917, the staff of the Bank were at liberty to make any arrangements they could to dispose of funds and documents, it is not altogether surprising if they were occasionally careless and left enough information in the hands of their agents to give themselves away.

Some of the information has found its way to this office and throws considerable light on the internal history of the Bank between the outbreak of war and the appointment of Mr. Passeri as Liquidator. From the very beginning, apparently, the Manager, Mr. H. Figge, realised that he must cover up his tracks in every possible way so as to elude any subsequent inquiries which might be made into the Bank's finances. He embarked accordingly, upon a quite amazing amount of figure juggling, using in the operations the names of two American banks, of a neutral Minister and a neutral Legation with two titles.

JUGGLING WITH BALANCES. Without being able actually to quote the figures it is a little difficult to illustrate this, but we believe ourselves to be near enough to the truth to say that some of it was done in the following fashion. There being a certain cash balance it was desired to make that sum appear as the property of another Bank, for which purpose an account was

opened in the name of an American bank. Double the amount credited to the latter's current account was debited to the exchange account with the result that, while the credit balance in current account agreed with the cash in hand, this was in reality only a book entry and half the debit balance in exchange account was the actual entry that represented the asset of cash in hand on the balance sheet specially prepared for the deception of Mr. Passeri. This process of passing two credits and one debit and two debits and one credit for the totals received and paid out daily continued for over a year, when the account of this American bank was closed and the cash balance transferred to the credit of another bank of the same nationality, whereupon the same juggling was repeated for the best of two years, by which time the United States had declared war.

Thereupon this second account was also closed, the balance transferred back to cash account by reversing the double entry in exchange account and, presently, put to the credit first of a neutral Minister and next to that of a neutral Legation in Peking—an extremely useful Legation, it would seem, with two names differing little more than do such imaginary titles as the Legation of Keppin with them and the Legation of Keppin with them a little longer.

THE REMOVAL OF RECORDS.

The removal of records, already alluded to, seems to have been carried to lengths surpassing all ordinary standards of Teutonic thoroughness. The Bank has property, as all the world knows, at Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Tientsin, Tsingtau, Tsinanfu, Yokohama, Kobe, Canton and Hongkong. No particulars of these properties nor any title deeds have, it is said, yet been discovered. Nor have any share register or records of shares come to light. Mr. Figge, sitting sphinx-like in a comfortably padded chair, met all inconvenient questions with the reply that these and other documents had long ago been sent to Berlin. How and when, through the air or under the sea, by special messenger or by ordinary postal routes he was not, apparently, prepared to say.

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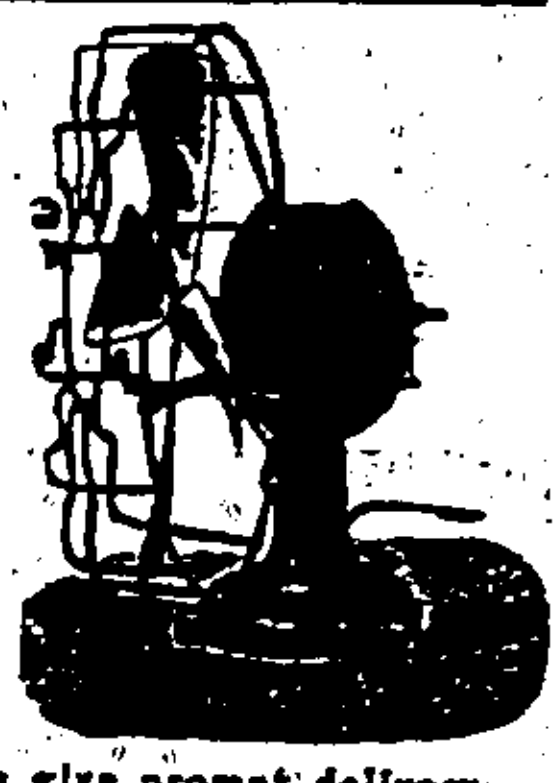
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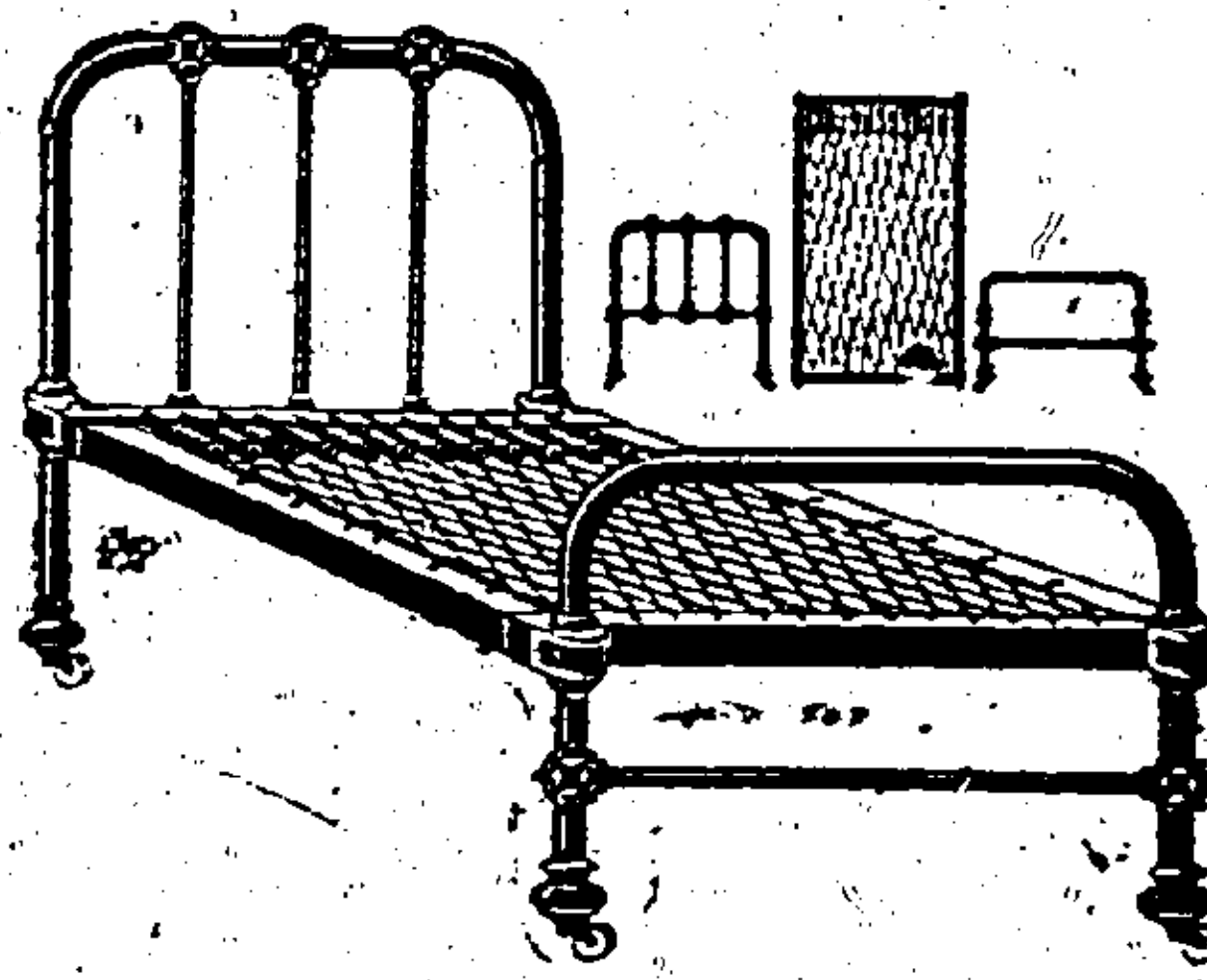
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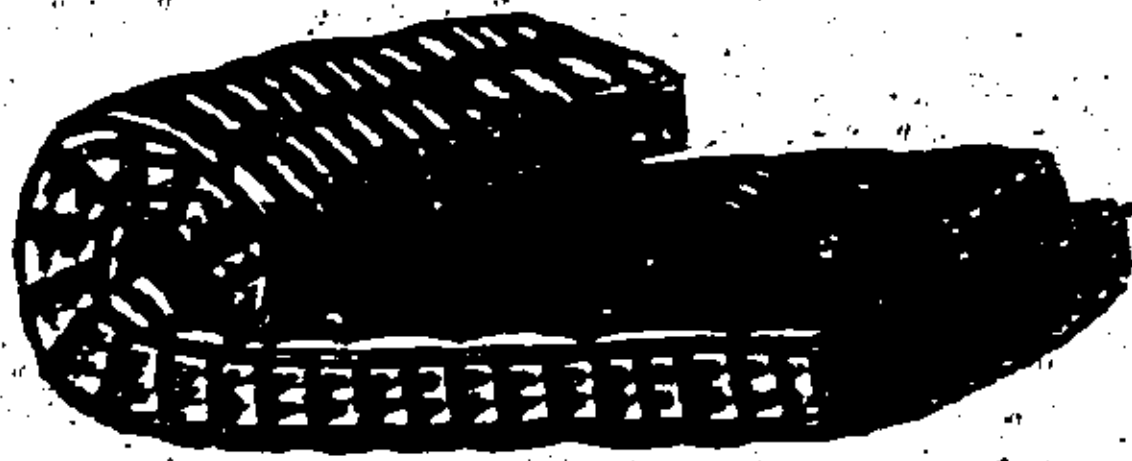
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LOANS TO CHINA.

The financial stringency in China for the past few years, which has been greatly aggravated by the expenditure of large sums in connection with the fighting between the North and the South, has compelled the Peking Government to raise loans on all kinds of securities with a recklessness which, if allowed to continue, would have reached a stage that could only be equalled by the deal between Jacob and Esau. It was gratifying to learn, therefore, that with the object of preventing the further mortgaging of China's birthrights, a new Consortium was formed for financing China, in which French, British, American and Japanese bankers have agreed that no future loans to China shall be made on securities that would threaten her sovereign rights. In future, all loans will be made by the group as a whole, with responsibility to be shared *pro rata*, and an endeavour will be made to pool the existing interests of the participating banks. By this means it will not be possible for any one Power to secure a predominating influence in particular regions in China.

One of the main advantages of the scheme is that stimulus will be given to the development of China's vast resources and transport system, and it should put a stop to the reckless borrowing of money which has occurred in the past, only to be frittered away, leaving the country with heavy liabilities and for which she has absolutely nothing to show. It is to be hoped that the Consortium will refuse to grant further loans to China for the purpose of carrying on internal warfare and in this we see a possible solution of the present problem, for if either North or South find it possible to raise money to carry on the squabble the whole business must automatically cease. There are endless possibilities for China in a judicious expenditure of borrowed funds, and there can be no better instance of this than the Salt Gabelle. A vast source of revenue has been created by the systematic organisation of the salt revenue and from it China has been enabled easily to meet her obligations in this connection, in addition to receiving a substantial sum periodically, in the shape of surplus funds.

If China's resources are developed by means of loans on systematic lines, she will have every opportunity of redeeming her financial position, besides having something substantial to show for the money received in the long run. Last, but not least, the formation of the Consortium is another proof that the Powers concerned are desirous of seeing China in a settled and prosperous position and this latest act should indeed be sufficient to influence the rulers to put an end to the petty squabbling so that a stable Government may be formed and the reaping of a rich reward which lies at China's door, if she will only qualify herself to receive it.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

AT SIXES AND SEVENS.

It would appear that in consequence of the fresh deadlock which has arisen in Chinese affairs there is a probability of the foreign Powers again offering advice to China. But what the Chinese squabblers need much more than advice is a strong warning, and we hope the foreign Note will take on something of that form. The Chinese themselves appear to be all at sixes and sevens. On the one hand, there is a demand for a fresh set of peace delegates, apparently with a view to raking the whole business over again, whilst on the other the Northerners give as one of their reasons why they cannot accept the Southern demands the excuse that there can be no such thing as a Conference to oversee the Government, such a thing being unknown anywhere else. Then we may very well ask why the Northerners ever participated in the Conference. The whole trouble is, of course, that the schemers, both from Peking and Canton, have become hopelessly involved; they don't seem to know where they are or what to do. The Conference plan has proved a sorry failure, anyhow. Some little display of ordinary common-sense is urgently called for.

PLAIN SPEAKING.

At a Company meeting yesterday, Mr. John Johnstone spoke his mind very plainly on this interminable squabbling amongst the Chinese, and their half-hearted attempts to settle their differences. He went so far as to express the feeling that those in authority find the state of unrest so beneficial to their own pockets that in spite of the evident danger to the country they deliberately play their cards in such a manner as to ensure the game being continued. Well, those are hard words, but we fear there is truth at the back of them. How else can we explain the constant quarrelling and the persistence with which the differences are kept up? And the worst of it all, so far as China is concerned, is that whilst the internal bickering goes on, others come in and, as Mr. Johnstone says, take what they want. If these Chinese agitators are the patriots that they wish the world to believe that they are, why is it that they cannot by some means or other find a workable basis of compromise on the outstanding issues? Failing to agree amongst themselves, they are the first to complain of outside interference which is often brought about by their very own acts. The fact is that, as for very many years past, Chinese politics are rotten to the core. A new type of honest statesman must arise if China is to save herself. But honesty is at present a sickly plant in the Chinese political garden.

THE "BOYCOTT."

From the information which we published yesterday it will have been seen that there is a quiet, unorganised movement amongst Chinese traders in the Colony amounting to a boycott of the Japanese over the Shantung question. If this were Chinese territory, instead of British, no doubt there would be greater evidence of what is going on beneath the surface. But Chinese commercial men here have to realise that they are not in China, and that expressions of political or other feeling against a friendly nation cannot be tolerated. It seems that the Chinese themselves describe this as a spontaneous movement, with no directing organisation behind it. We hope that that is the truth, for if it were otherwise the authorities would very rightly step in and have something to say on the matter. The Government cannot, of course, dictate to any individual or particular firm as to with whom it may or may not do business, except in the case of enemy trading, and therefore so long as this movement is of the nature described by the Chinese, we do not know that anything can be done in the circumstances. It is perhaps natural that the Chinese should feel aggrieved over the Shantung question, but Hongkong is no place in which to let off their political heat. That must be clearly understood. The Shantung problem is a matter between China and Japan. Hongkong Chinese, especially if they happen to be British subjects, would do well to steer clear of it.

DAY BY DAY.

AS A FAILURE MANY A MAN IS A SUCCESS.

Kowloon Notes will appear to-morrow.

Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. T. S. Forrest returned from Shanghai by the s.s. Dilwara to-day.

The health return for yesterday shows four cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one fatal) and one fatal occurrence of small pox. All the sufferers were Chinese.

A raid made by the Police on No. 75, First Street, in which 16 Chinese were caught playing *gax pa*, brought a sum of \$32 as fines into the Police Treasury to-day.

Among the passengers who left by the s.s. Colombia yesterday were Mrs. Athol L. Anderson, Mrs. W. P. Neeson and Mr. C. W. Beswick. The Northern Chinese athletes left by the same boat.

Two revolvers, a spare magazine and 668 rounds of ammunition which a Chinese brought from Australia by the Tanco Maru were taken by the Police. The Chinese was fined \$500 this morning by Mr. R. E. Lindseil.

The bar to the Distinguished Service Cross has been conferred on Lieut. Wm. Brydon Chilton, D.S.C. R.N.R., of the China Navigation Company, for services in action with enemy submarines. Lieut. Chilton was chief officer of the s.s. Shengking and left to join H.M. forces in 1915.

A brass fire hose connection, which was installed for the safety of a matshed theatre at Kowloon was carried away by a thief. He was not left long to enjoy its possession. A constable methim soon afterwards and ran him in. To-day the thief was sentenced to imprisonment in Victoria Gaol.

A crack which showed in the door of a money changer's shop at Queen's Road gave an idea to a thief early this morning. He inserted his hand through the hole, but his fingers touched only an empty drawer. He had hardly recovered from his disappointment, when he found himself in the custody of a policeman. The Magistrate has remanded the Chinese until to-morrow.

He had been listening to a story-teller until he fell asleep. This was the story a Chinese told Mr. R. O. Hutchison to-day. The tale was, however, too thin to have any effect with the Magistrate, who believed the version of a constable that the man was found lurking in a suspicious manner on the staircase of a house at Queen's Road East at 3.30 this morning. A sentence of four weeks' imprisonment was passed.

Trade Inquiry List No. 111, issued by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, shows that American concerns are seeking Hongkong connections in Pacific coast lumber; ready-to-wear clothing; general import and export; adding machines and typewriters; condensed milk; crude drugs; camphor and cassia; chair cane; cotton waste; bathing apparel; sweaters; bathing robes; photographic dry plates.

Blood has been drawn in a fight between two factions of the community of Cross Street, Wanchai, in which hammers, choppers, and other offensive weapons were used with vigour. No enlightenment as to the cause of the trouble could be secured from the combatants, and a golf-caddy whom the Police took, refused to divulge any information. Mr. R. O. Hutchison to-day fined the defendant concerned \$10, and bound him over in a sum of \$100 for a period of three months.

At the British Consulate, Nan-king, on May 9, a reception was held in honour of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Tudor, K.C.M.G., G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief China Station, who arrived at the port on H.M.S. Kinsha. Two huge Union Jacks floated gaily over the Consular gates, while the flagstaff was bedecked with flags from truck to ground. Invitations had been issued to all British residents, as well as to the Faculty of the Nanking University and other American residents. The guests on arrival were met by Mr. A. H. George, British Consul (Acting) and introduced to the Admiral, who was attended by his staff.



THE LATE MR. WM. C. JACK.

From a portrait taken some years ago.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. C. JACK.

It is with extreme regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. William Charles Jack, M.I.N.A., head of the well-known firm of W. C. Jack and Co., Ltd., which occurred at his residence, in Kowloon, last evening, at the age of 62 years. The sad news, when it became known this morning, came as a surprise to his many friends and acquaintances, as he had not been ill for very long, though of late his health had not been altogether good. Quite recently he contracted jaundice, and this led to internal troubles, resulting in hemorrhages. Yesterday he became unconscious and he was given up by his doctor. He passed away last evening.

The late Mr. Jack was one of the oldest and best known residents of the Colony, having lived here for over twenty years. Born at Portsoy, Scotland, he served his apprenticeship as a marine engineer at George Clark's Southwick Engine Works, Sunderland. He went to sea as a junior engineer from Wigham Richardson's, Newcastle on Tyne, in 1879, and became Chief Engineer in 1882. Five years later he was appointed Engineer in Chief of the "Service Subventionne des Correspondances Fluviales," Tonkin, which post he held for eleven years, building a fleet of river steamers, which included the light draft stern wheel steamer "Yunnan," the first steam-vessel to successfully navigate the Red River and reach the Chinese frontier through Tonkin, 1890. In recognition of this he received from the French Government the decoration of Officer of the Order of the Imperial Dragon of Annam.

It was in 1898 that he joined the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. as Superintendent Engineer, and as their representative contracted with Admiral Dewey for the salvage of sunken Spanish war vessels in Manila Bay, three of which were successfully floated and refitted in Hongkong for the U.S. Navy. From 1901 to 1903 he was Assistant Manager at the above Dock Co.'s Kowloon establishment, during which term he conducted several successful salvage operations. In 1905 he contracted, in conjunction with Sir Paul Chater, for the salvage of the French cruiser "Sully," stranded in the Tonkin Gulf, but unhappily after months of arduous work the vessel was destroyed by a typhoon on October 28.

LABEL ON OUR OFFICERS.

G.B.S.'S. PLAY TAKEN OFF.

George Bernard Shaw's play, "Augustus Does his Bit," produced recently at the Comedy Theatre, New York, was quietly taken off after two performances because of objections to its caricature of British Officers.

It is believed that this constitutes a record Shaw failure. The play was put on as a curtain raiser to "Toby's Boy," which has been running at the Comedy several weeks. The critics severely condemned Mr. Shaw's

play, not particularly because of its common-place plot and dialogue, but because it was in such bad taste, picturing British officers in the present war as pompous, inefficient, and blundering with an attempted comic element by making an officer constantly trip over his sword. New York's dramatic experts have never before criticized a play from abroad because it attempted to hold another nation up to ridicule.

The action of the critics in instinctively "boosing" "Augustus Does his Bit" in their writings is evidence of the way the war has brought American and British sentiment together.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

BY ENHARMONIC.

I have again been requested by several readers to express through the medium of this column, the desire on the part of the general public that the authorities provide the Colony with either a brass band or an orchestra. It is pointed out that Hongkong is, perhaps the only city of its size and importance in this part of the world that does not possess its standing orchestra or band wholly or partially kept up out of the public funds. I gladly comply with this request and if by the means of periodical reference to the subject in "Musical Jottings" the Government can eventually be persuaded to realise that it should no longer deprive the public of this much needed and, it might be said, essential addition to the general well being of the residents of the Colony, then something at least will have been done to justify the appearance of these weekly notes.

A question was asked in the Legislative Council, some time back, as to whether the Government would erect a bandstand on the open space opposite the Law Courts (and the Hongkong Club). The reply given was that the Government could not see its way to erect a bandstand on the site referred to. I do not propose, at present, to go into the possible reasons for the Government's refusal; they should be obvious in any case, but I would remind my readers that I followed that refusal up in this column by suggesting that the Government be asked whether it was prepared to provide a bandstand on some other site. The result was a dead silence, which, I presume, is intended to maintain until the matter is further pressed. I do not think the public would insist upon the requisitioning of the particular site referred to, but it is not a valid reason for the shelving of the matter because it happened to be that site which was suggested for the band stand in the first instance. The question is, will the Government erect a bandstand and provide a band to play in it, anywhere? The selection of the site would be an easy matter and it would be time enough to consider it when a definite reply to the first question is forthcoming.

"We ought to have a band playing in the evenings (I quote the words of one of my readers) three times a week on the Hongkong side and three times a week on the Kowloon side." As in Shanghai, money could be raised to help defray expense of upkeep by making a small charge for chairs for the summer outdoor performances and a fee for entrance to the City hall for dances and Sunday performances in the Winter.

I need not refer to the beneficial effects of open air-music, they are well known and I do not think any reasonable objection can be brought forward against the suggestion. It is to be hoped that one of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council will bring the matter up again at an early date.

The death occurred recently, in Paris, of Xavier Leroux, one of the most prominent members of the modern school of French composers. Leroux was a pupil of the Paris Conservatoire, where he gained, in 1881, a second accessit for piano and a first prize for harmony. In 1885 he gained the Prix de Rome with a cantata, "Endymion." The greater part of his work was dramatic, and his charming opera "Le Chemineau" was given in London during the Beecham season of opera comique at His Majesty's Theatre in 1910. In addition to his works for the stage, Leroux has written various orchestral works, many songs and some church music. He was appointed professor of harmony at the Paris Conservatoire in 1896.

Local music enthusiasts who hail from north of the Tweed will be interested to learn that the Scottish Orchestra is to resume activities next season. Up to 1915 the orchestral concerts were the pride and glory of Glasgow, and largely through them Glasgow became a musical centre of real importance. Without the orchestra it was impossible to maintain this exalted position, and during the last four years Glasgow's musical activities have been eclipsed by several smaller, provincial orchestras. Great Britain.

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POLICE RESERVIST'S APPEAL.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The hearing of the appeal made by W. Guimaraes, a member of the Police Reserve, against the sentence of confinement to barracks passed on him by the D.S.P. (R.) for alleged absence from Patrol was heard in the Supreme Court, this morning, before His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, in Chambers.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada and Mr. P. W. Goldring, appeared for the appellant.

His Lordship made the rule nisi absolute with return of bail, with option of application for costs in Chambers, the C.S.P., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, having agreed.

His Lordship stated that since the Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., was absent being at a meeting of the Legislative Council, he did not think it necessary to hear the appeal in Court.

It will be remembered that Guimaraes gave notice of his appeal at the Supreme Court on Saturday last, his Lordship making a rule nisi returnable to-day, admitting the appellant on bail of \$250. The appeal followed an enquiry by the Discipline Board, the details of which are as follow—

(Discipline Board at Headquarters, 28/4/19.)

The following were the members of the Board J. W. Franks D.S.P. (R.), T. F. Hough, A.S.P. (R.), Staff, Inspectors Potter, Tape, Sirdar Khan and C. M. Alves and another Inspector.

Mr. Franks:—Before I proceed with the examination I wish to say that Mr. Hough is still in office, as his leave of absence has been suspended for the present.

I am saying this for the benefit of any who might object to his presence on the Board, as according to official notice he is supposed to be on leave.

Mr. Franks:—(To accused) You were absent from patrol on February 12 and on being asked the reason you replied in writing "I was much occupied with office work and could not perform my police duty." Do you remember?

Self:—I do, Sir.

Mr. Hough:—Sir, to your superiors, if you please, Sir! Sir!!

Self:—I beg your pardon but I did address Captain Franks as Sir.

Mr. Hough:—But I did not hear you say so.

Self:—Which is no fault of mine.

Mr. Franks:—You are P. C. 471 W. Guimaraes?

Self:—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Franks:—A Notice dated 27th November was sent you awarding a fine of \$3 or two days' C. B. and two extra patrols. Fine to be paid on 28.2.19, to be warned as to C. B. for further default. After delay of a month, you paid the \$3 fine. You were notified later by Inspector Alves of the date of the performance of the two extra patrols to which your replied The Warning Memo of date to hand and I must say that I cannot and will not perform the duties detailed therein. Why did you refuse?

Self:—As I consider Inspector Alves had no authority to enforce the matter, Sir.

Mr. Franks:—On what ground did you base your assumptions?

Self:—According to the information I received, a fine of \$3 was imposed, or as an alternative two days C. B. and two extra patrols. This note sent me by Inspector Alves will confirm my statement.

Mr. Franks:—Well, all I can say is that this paper states you were fined \$3, and also to perform two extra patrols.

Self:—It does not say so, Sir. At least my version of the wording is that in paying the \$3 fine I am free of the other punishment. That is the only conclusion my knowledge of English permits me.

Mr. Franks:—But the Board intended, the Board is myself and the intention my own, that you were to be fined \$3 and two extra patrols or two days' C. B.

Self:—Sir, I regret that I could only act on the written instructions and not on any person's intention.

Mr. Hough:—Where are you employed?

Self:—At Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Sir.

Mr. Hough:—That is a British firm and by virtue of your knowledge of the English language you are employed by Dodwells. So I don't see any reason why you should say so much about your slight knowledge of English. You know English and you know it.

Mr. Alves:—On the day that Guimaraes received my note of the punishment he called at my office to ask if it was the intention of the Court to award him \$3 fine and two extra patrols, and I distinctly told him that it was so. Whereupon he informed me of his resolution never to perform the patrol and he cannot deny that.

Mr. Franks:—You heard what Inspector Alves said.

Self:—Yes, Sir, and I say that Inspector Alves is prevaricating—is under false impression. It is true I had an interview with Inspector Alves to ask his opinion. Inspector Alves could only tell me that he was not sure himself, but that I had better act accordingly to the notice and also added that he was rather inclined to think if I paid the fine, which he strongly advised me to do, I would not be liable for the extra patrol. Upon my expressing a wish to see you, Inspector Alves furnished me with your letter.

Mr. Franks:—But I cannot recollect your seeing me.

Self:—I was here on more than one occasion but never had the satisfaction of finding you, Sir.

Mr. Hough:—But you see Mr. Franks now.

Self:—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Franks:—I don't think you took much pains to find me, as I am often here.

Self:—Yes, Sir, I did call and saw the lady who works in Mr. Jenkins's office and Mr. Potter's.

Mr. Potter:—I suppose you mean Mrs. Gerrard.

Self:—Yes, Sir, if that is the lady's name, and also the No. 1 boy can testify to the truth of my assertion.

Mr. Franks:—You are quite certain that the No. 1 boy can tell whether you did come to see me or not.

Self:—Yes, Sir, I said so, and I now remember Mrs. Gerrard telling me on one of the many occasions I came that you would be in at 5.15 p.m. to attend the Board meeting and that you might perhaps spare me a few minutes but I did not choose to trouble you then, Sir.

Mr. Franks:—It would have been no trouble if the matter you wished to see me about was of any importance, besides you know well enough that my name is on the telephone book and I can see no reason why you could not have phoned me up as I suppose you had a telephone in your office. Supposing you had seen me and I made the matter clear to you would you have performed the extra patrols.

Self:—I cannot say, Sir, I might have.

Mr. Franks:—Now that I have explained my reasons and original intention regarding the fine and extra patrols will you undertake to perform them.

Self:—No, Sir.

Mr. Hough:—Then I revoke what I said just now. You don't know English, do you understand? you don't know English your knowledge of English is deplorable and lamentable.

Self:—If I could explain, Mr. Franks has explained about the punishment and you still refuse to perform the extra patrols.

Self:—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Potter:—Why?

Self:—As the memo before you only states that I was fined \$3, or two days' C. B. and two extra patrols, and I cannot agree to the amendment made by this Board when Mr. Franks' intention could have very well been expressed on the intimation sent me by Inspector Alves.

Mr. Potter:—Would you have performed the patrols if the notice sent you had fully expressed our intentions?

Self:—Yes, Sir, I consider the punishment meted out to me too severe for a slight offence considering how I sacrificed my leisure hours and also incurred risk of fare etc. Inspector Alves declined to approve my claim for expenses incurred during the period I have been in the Force although I have attached duty lists in support of same.

Mr. C. M. Alves:—Put officially aside, Guimaraes, do you think a gentleman would write a letter such as the one you wrote to Inspector Alves to a superior?

Self:—Perhaps not, Sir, but you must remember that unofficially I was not writing to a superior.

Mr. Tape:—Do I understand you to say that you would have performed the extra patrols if the notice sent you had been in proper order?

Self:—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Tape:—Then why not undertake to perform them now?

Self:—For the very reason I have stated.

Mr. Sirdar Khan:—Then you refuse to perform the patrol?

Mr. Franks:—Have you anything more to say, Guimaraes?

Self:—No, Sir.

Mr. Franks:—Then please retire from the room until called for, as the Board wishes to consider its decision.

Mr. Franks:—The Board has decided that you are to undergo four days' C. B. without the option of a fine. As we do not wish the affect you in your employment you will be confined from Saturday the 3rd May 1 p.m. till Monday morning and the same on Saturday week. Do you understand.

Self:—Yes, Sir. I hope the Board will give me time to appeal.

Mr. Franks:—You have until Friday for your appeal. In the event of your appeal being unanswered by Saturday, you may consider yourself free until further orders.

Self:—Yes, Sir.

When the appeal was heard in Chambers Mr. C. G. Alabaster, for the appellant, said that Guimaraes was sentenced to three periods of confinement to barracks and also a fine. The D.S.P. had no power to inflict a sentence of confinement to barracks for more than one period; also the sentence was excessive.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE v. R. E.

This match was played at Happy Valley yesterday and resulted in a win for the Collegians, by 52 games to 47. The scores were—

A. H. Rumjahn and V. Yvanovitch beat Townsend and Heath 7-4, beat Jewsbury and Millard 9-2, beat Raworth and Taylor 6-5. Key and Foster lost to Townsend and Heath 3-8, beat Jewsbury and Millard 6-5, beat Raworth and Taylor 6-5. A. A. Rumjahn and S. H. Ismail beat Jewsbury and Millard 6-5, lost to Townsend and Heath 5-6, lost to Raworth and Taylor 4-7.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT ACCOMPLISHED.

London, May 19.—Major H. G. Hawker, D. S. O., arrived in Ireland from St. John's, flying a Sopwith machine—*Canton Times*.

P. M. S. RUMOURS.

Rumours of which we can obtain no official confirmation:—That Sir Edward Brockman will be appointed Governor of Trinidad. That the Hon. Mr. A. H. Lemon will succeed the Hon. Mr. E. G. Broadrick as Resident of Selangor at the end of this month. That Mr. J. R. O. Aldworth will succeed Mr. Lemon as Resident of Negri Sembilan—*Malay Mail*.

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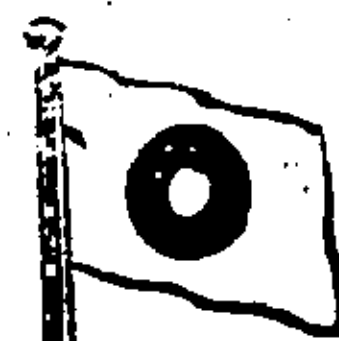
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T. KERING, Act. Superintendent.
Hongkong, May 16, 1919.

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K. GIBSON, Superintendent.
Hongkong, May 15, 1919.

NATIONALIZING INDUSTRY.

WHAT WILL GERMANY DO?

Stockholm, February 11.—The expectation here is that the Berlin Government, if it is not disturbed by convulsions from the extremist parties, will do little more than continue the old regime's State Socialism, aiming at very gradual concentration of industries in State hands. The confiscatory Socialism which the Social-Democratic party preached in the past was practically abandoned when the Socialization Commission—here in agreement with all authoritative individuals—concluded that there must be no expropriation without compensation. Probably the motive in making this concession is the conviction that the state, in taking over even relatively easily worked undertakings, such as mines, must take over also the expert leaders; and that if these leaders are alienated by confiscation, the result will be hopeless inefficiency of production, as this concession deprives socialization of half its charm for the proletariat, it becomes all the easier to go slowly.

Even convinced Socialists are not likely to be in a hurry about a system which means merely selling private property to the state (in exchange for state annuities, as the Socialization Commission proposes) without materially changing the distribution of private wealth. But with some reason the Socialist extremists are now likely to demand more vehemently than ever socialization without compensation, and to denounce the majority party for apostasy, and for what Liebknecht called "economic counter-revolutionism."

As the Left-Socialists are not likely to get a majority in the Parliament any more than in the constituent assembly, and as no coup d'etat which they might bring off by force in Berlin or any other centre would give them authority all over the country, the chance of any really radical plan of nationalization of industry being tried is considered here to be very small. But the chance of a crash as result of labour anarchy, non-production, decline of revenue, and probable failure of any new internal loan which may be launched as a means of saving the Government from the need of financing its way with paper, is very considerable, and it is that which makes business men in neutral countries cautious in extending credit to Germany.

TIDE TABLE.

From 19th May to 25th May.

Hour	High Water	Low Water
12.00	5.2	1.2
1.00	5.8	1.0
2.00	6.2	0.8
3.00	6.5	0.6
4.00	6.7	0.4
5.00	6.8	0.3
6.00	6.8	0.3
7.00	6.7	0.3
8.00	6.5	0.3
9.00	6.2	0.3
10.00	5.8	0.3
11.00	5.2	0.3
12.00	4.5	0.3
1.00	3.8	0.3
2.00	3.0	0.3
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SHIPPING NEWS.

TUNGCHOW VINE POINT BEACON LIGHT.

Referring to Notice to Mariners No. 673, notice is given that the position given therein for the Vine Point Beacon Light, Tungchow, Yangtsi River, is corrected as follows:—The Vine Point Beacon Light has been moved 18 cables S. 84° E. from its former position. From the new position of the Beacon, Langshan Pagoda bears N. 68° E. distant 1.6 miles. All bearings given are magnetic.

J. C. J. L. BOATS.

The *Nieuwe Sourabaya Courant* reports that the return of the requisitioned ships of the Java China Japan line has been subject to delay. The *Tjibodas*, which has been returned by the British authorities, is expected in the first week of June. The *Tjibodas* will be handed back at Hongkong at the end of May. *Tjikembang* and *Tjondari* may be expected to be handed over at Manila at the end of June or the beginning of July. The new ship *Tjilboet* is sailing for the Netherlands Government carrying grain and flour from America to Holland.

TO INDIA FROM ENGLAND FOR 237.

A reduction of the high passage rates between India and the United Kingdom, which had been anticipated for some time past in shipping circles, is now an accomplished fact.

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OIL DRIVEN LINERS.

London, April 7.—The new Cunard trans-Atlantic liners will be oil driven. An official of the Cunard Line verified this statement to-day. It was predicted in a recent exclusive despatch as illustrating the intense efforts the great British shipping interests are making to hold maritime supremacy. The Cunard and other associated companies, it is understood, now have twenty-nine vessels in course of construction. Most of them are of the standard type, 20,000 tons, and are built to carry both passengers and cargo. They are all being fitted with engines which can be driven either by oil or coal. The alternative is provided because of the uncertainty of readily acquiring the necessary oil supplies. The example of the American Shipping Board in constructing oil burners for some time has been closely watched by British shipping interests. The owners have considered converting the Aquitania, Mauretania and other ocean leviathans from coal to oil burners, but that the present cost, as estimated, is prohibitive. With the Russian and Rumanian oil fields temporarily closed and nine-tenths of the British oil supply coming from Mexico, British interests are trying to secure American owned Mexican oil fields by long term contracts at huge figures.

SUCCESSFUL TRIAL TRIP.

Recently the "Gweneth," a steamer built to the order of the Hanchow Steamship Company by the Nicholas Tse Engine and Shipbuilding Works, left the Chaofoong Road wharf, Shanghai, for her trial trip. There were in all about 70 guests present including Messrs. C. M. G. Burns, E. C. Emmett, T. A. Clark, L. W. Hutton, A. R. Wilson, G. E. Griffin, L. Antonich, S. A. Sleep, and Capt. Bayes-Davy, Mr. Ko De-sang, representing the owners, and Mr. R. Simmons of the Bureau Veritas. The "Gweneth" named after the second daughter of Capt. Bayes-Davy who has supervised the construction of the vessel, is a sister ship to the *Mylio* and easily attained the contract speed of 12 knots on half-a-dozen runs over a measured course about ten miles outside Woosang. She is of 3,150 tons deadweight, and the construction and furnishings reflect credit upon her builders. In spite of unfavourable weather conditions, the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all on board. The tiffin was served by the Carlton Cafe and the music was supplied by the Carlton's Orchestra. The following officers have been engaged to run the ship:—Captain Anderson, Chief Officer B. Inwood, and Chief Engineer Macgregor. The *Gweneth* will leave shortly for Wuhu to load rice for Canton, and will proceed later to Europe.

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The N.Y.K. s.s. MISHIMA M. (European Line) left Liverpool for this port via the Suez Canal on the 3rd inst., and is expected here on the 8th June.

The N.Y.K. s.s. KIRIN MARU (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port direct on the 20th inst., and is expected here on the 25th inst.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA arrived Manila, May 20th at 3 p.m., sails Midnight May 20th, and is due at Hongkong 22nd May.

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THE DAVIS CUP

London, March 25.—It was not intended originally to hold the Davis Cup competition until 1920, but the action of the Belgian Lawn Tennis Association in issuing a challenge to the present holders—Australia—has caused France and the British Isles to enter as well, and the competition will take place this year. The entries closed on March 4.

Neither the United States nor Japan will compete this year. The reason given by the United States for not taking part in the competition is that, in view of the great loss suffered by Australia in the death of Captain A. J. Wilding, it would not be sportsmanlike to issue a challenge.

The Davis Cup was presented by the late Mr. Dwight F. Davis, a member of the American teams of 1900 and 1902, for international competition in 1900.

The introduction of international matches did much to popularise the game, and large crowds, attracted by the international spirit of the games, witnessed lawn tennis played by such well-known players as Mr. H. L. Doherty, the late Mr. R. F. Doherty, Mr. Holcombe Ward, Mr. Beals Wright, Mr. A. W. Gore, the late Captain A. F. Wilding, Mr. Norman E. Brookes, Mr. J. C. Parke, Mr. F. L. Rieley, Mr. S. H. Smith, Mr. F. B. Alexander, and Mr. A. W. Dunlop.

It was then realised that the game was a severe test of physical endurance and more scientific than many had imagined. The game, thus, owes much to the late Mr. Dwight F. Davis. It was naturally fitting, therefore, that the United States of America should be the first holders of the cup, and at Longwood, Boston, the American team (Mr. M. C. Whitman, Mr. Dwight F. Davis, and Mr. Holcombe Ward) defeated the British Isles (Mr. A. W. Gore, Mr. H. Roper Barrett, and Mr. E. D. Black) in 1900.

The holders retained the cup until 1903, when the Dohertys visited New York, defeated Mr. A. Larned, Mr. R. D. Wrenn, and Mr. G. L. Wrenn, and brought the cup to England, where it remained until 1907.

In that year the present holders, Australasia (Mr. N. E. Brookes and Mr. A. F. Wilding), defeated the British Isles after a victory in the preliminary tie against the Americans, Mr. Beals Wright and Mr. Karl Behr.

Australasia's chances of retaining the cup would seem very good for she can place a very strong side on the courts.

The present champion, Mr. N. E. Brookes, Mr. A. W. Dunlop, once described by the famous American player, Mr. F. B. Alexander, as "the world's finest doubles player." Mr. S. N. Doust, Mr. A. B. Jones, Mr. R. Lycey, and Captain O'Hara Woyd are all available. The British Isles team, is a matter of much uncertainty but possible candidates are Mr. F. G. Lowe, Mr. A. H. Lowe, Mr. A. E. Beamish, Mr. T. M. Mavor, Mr. R. F. Kingscote, Mr. C. R. G. A. Mr. J. C. Parke, if he has recovered sufficiently from his wound in the wrist, and the veterans, Mr. A. W. Gore and Mr. H. Roper Barrett. Mr. M. J. G. Ritchie, now close on 50 years of age, must also be considered, for, during the war, his form on wood at Queen's Club has been very good. Mr. C. P. Dixon has had such a serious breakdown in health that his appearance this summer is very improbable.

The prospects of France and Belgium are not easy to forecast. The French can raise a team from such players as M. Max Decugis, M. Germet, M. A. H. Gobert, and M. W. H. Laurentz. M. Decugis and M. Gobert are sometimes a very great pair, whose attack is much sounder than their defence. Belgium will probably rely on Chevalier Paul de Borman, whose elaborate stroke play is always fascinating to watch. M. W. H. Duvivier, who has been playing at Queen's Club, M. A. G. Watson, and M. L. Trasenster.

ROOSEVELT'S SON.

Lieutenant-Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is thinking of following in his father's footsteps and entering the political arena, but he has not yet decided for just what position he will run. Some Republican leaders are urging him to consider the position of president of the Board of Aldermen of New York, while others advise him to try for a position in the State Senate at Albany.

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Hongkong, May 22, 1919.

SOCIETY WEDDING.

MARRIAGE OF FLAG LIEUT. LIVINGSTONE.

St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, was on May 14, the scene of a pretty wedding when Flag Lieut. R. G. Fenton Livingstone, R. N. second son of the late Mr. C. F. J. Fenton Livingstone, Easter Moffat, Airdrie, and Mrs. Fenton Livingstone was married to Eleanor, the eldest daughter of Mr. Edwin N. Gonsaulus, the American Consul, and Mrs. Gonsaulus. The floral decoration of the church, which was undertaken by lady friends of the bride, was extremely beautiful. Among the large number of distinguished people present were H. E. the Governor and Lady Evelyn Young, H. E. the General Officer Commanding and Mrs. Bidout, The Hon. Mr. James and Mrs. Sherwood, and Mr. Gonsaulus's consular colleagues.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very lovely in a simple gown of white satin with an overskirt of tulle and a satin panel, and her train of white satin and tulle hung gracefully from the shoulders. She wore a veil of tulle and brussels lace, caught into rosettes at the side with orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of exquisite white orchids. She was attended as bridesmaid by her little sister, Miss Betty Gonsaulus, who looked sweet in a dainty dress of pale pink tulle trimmed with cream lace and tiny rosebuds and a hat of pink georgette with saxe blue streamers while she carried a basket of roses. The bride's mother wore a dress of grey georgette and a black hat. The duties of bestman were carried out by Lieut. Col. F. H. Griffiths. The ceremony which was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Swindell was fully choral. As the bride entered the church, "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden" was sung, and the party left to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and the pealing of bells. Mr. Salzmann officiated at the organ.

RELEASE OF DUTCH VESSELS.

BIGGER FLEET FOR J.C.J.L.

The Dutch vessels, which were requisitioned in Hongkong by the British Government under drot d'urgence, are being slowly released.

The Dutch steamers requisitioned here were the Kembangan, Prinses Juliana, Boeroe, Van Waerwyck, Tjibodas and the Tjitaroem. The last two are owned by the Java-China-Japan Lijn, while the Kembangan, Prinses Juliana and Boeroe are owned by the Stoomvaart Maatschappij Nederland of Amsterdam, under the local agency of the Java-China-Japan Lijn. The s.s. Van Waerwyck is owned by the Koninklyde Paketvaart Maatschappij of Batavia and Amsterdam and locally under the agency of the Java-China-Japan Lijn.

During the requisition these vessels were in the hands of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. The s.s. Tjibodas was given up last week, while the s.s. Van Waerwyck was returned in April, and was the only Dutch boat on the run between Amoy, Hongkong and the Straits Settlements.

The Prinses Juliana is at present plying between New York and London. Before the requisition she was on the Java-San Francisco run. She will be released in England.

The s.s. Tjitaroem is expected to arrive in Hongkong next week from Singapore, when she will be put into her former condition again and returned to the owners sometime next month. She used to ply between Java-Hongkong and the China Ports.

The Boeroe is a cargo steamer. The Tjikembang and Tjison-dari, two other vessels owned by the Java-China-Japan Lijn, which were requisitioned by the American Government at Manila, are at present on a voyage to the Far East, and expected to arrive in the Philippines about the middle of next month. These boats, on arrival at Manila, will be put into condition and returned sometime in July.

It may be stated that the requisitioning of these vessels has enabled the Japanese to cut into the trade of the Dutch business houses in Hongkong as they had admirable facilities for the carriage of produce from the Dutch East Indies. Now it is expected things will right themselves.

The Dutch are going to make a renewed effort to capture the trade they had lost during the requisitioned interregnum. For instance, the Java-China-Japan Lijn are increasing their fleet. When all the requisitioned vessels are returned, the Company's fleet will comprise eleven boats plus two new steamers which are being built in the shipping yards in Holland. Besides these, the s.s. Tjileboet, a new vessel at present under arrangement with the Dutch Government to carry foodstuffs from America to Holland, will, it is expected, shortly proceed to Hongkong as an addition to Java-China-Japan Lijn fleet. She is a fast boat and is expected in Hongkong in July.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The General Agents have with the sanction of the Consulting Committee (obtained at a meeting of such Committee held on the 21st May, 1919) made a call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by members of the Company such call being payable on the 3rd June, 1919 to the General Agents at their office No. 15, Pedder Street, Hongkong.

The General Agents have further (with the like sanction obtained at the same meeting) determined to employ the sum of \$500,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a special dividend of \$50 per share on the shares held by members of the Company. The said dividend is payable on the 4th June, 1919. Dividend Warrants can be obtained on application to the General Agents at the above address.

Should any shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said call on the 3rd June, the General Agents will on the 4th June apply the above mentioned dividend due to him in satisfaction of the said call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said call in the manner above indicated, a note showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all certificates of shares presented at the offices of the General Agents.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 22nd May to the 4th June 1919, both days inclusive.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1919.

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EMPIRE DAY.

NOTICE:—Is hereby given that all Fire Insurance Offices will be closed for the Transaction of Public Business on Saturday, the 24th May, 1919.

By Order,
A. R. Lowe,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1919.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

The forty-sixth ordinary yearly meeting of the above Company was held at the offices of the Company, to-day, at noon. The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell presided and there were present Messrs. A. O. Lang, J. A. Plummer, Ross Thomson, W. L. Patenden, (Directors), Mr. C. H. P. Hay (Deputy General Manager), the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., and Messrs. Ho Leung, W. Sinclair, G. W. Barton, P. M. Hodgson, S. M. Churn, E. Ormiston, Ho Kom Tong, C. C. Hickling, W. M. Humphreys, D. B. Murray, Leung Yau Po, J. O. Danby, J. Arnold, W. R. Mansfield, Cochran, A. W. Apcar, A. H. M. da Silva, H. M. H. Nemze and R. A. Dastur.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I propose with your permission to follow the usual procedure and take the report as read. It has been in your hands for sufficient time to have enabled you to study it and I have no doubt you have found it interesting reading. We are dealing with accounts for the years 1917 and 1918, and, although our capital now actually exists in gold, you will realise that, as the figures are made up as at the 31st December last when our capital stood in silver, the recommendations of your Directors are necessarily made in respect of the silver shares. As you are aware, our business is transacted very largely in gold, and in comparing the figures with which we are now dealing with those placed before you at our last annual meeting when the gold equivalents were shown for the first time, you will no doubt have directed your attention especially to that currency, the more so, perhaps, as in our next report, our figures will be presented in gold alone. At this meeting we are dealing with dollar balances. On 1917 Account we have \$3,315,645.96, which your Directors recommend be appropriated as follows:—

A final dividend to shareholders of \$20 per share on 16,000 shares	\$320,000.00
A bonus dividend to shareholders of \$20 per share on 16,000 shares	320,000.00
An addition to the Reinsurance Fund of \$150,000 at Exchange 3/4-7/16	890,262.75
An addition to the Building Reserve Fund of \$30,000 at Exchange 3/4-7/16	178,052.55
To Equalisation of Dividend Fund, 250,000 at Exchange 3/4-7/16	296,754.25
To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1917	1,310,576.41
	\$3,315,645.96

I feel confident all shareholders will endorse these recommendations. Turning to 1918, you will notice that the premium income is greater than that of the previous year, which is satisfactory, especially if you take into consideration the effect of the increased restrictions on exports and imports and the falling of the rates for war risk to a nominal figure upon the cessation of hostilities. A congestion of values in individual steamers continued and the increased employment of inferior vessels brought new complications, frequently calling for material reductions in our retained lines. The percentage of losses on the first year's working shows a gratifying decrease, and we have no reason to believe that the final outcome will compare unfavourably with the preceding year. The figures for fire and other classes of insurance now transacted by the Society are of course included, but this branch of our business is in its childhood. Its development is proceeding upon satisfactory lines and your management feel justified in awaiting with confidence its gradual growth to robust maturity. As in the past, we have subscribed varying sums to such charities as your Directors felt you would wish them to support, which action I have no doubt has your approval. Out of the balance of \$6,239,222.94, we recommend the payment of an interim dividend of \$30 per share and a Bonus of 20% to contributors of business on bonus terms. The increase in our premium income during recent years has been due largely to war risk business, the hazardous nature of which has been emphasised to an exceptional degree. You will be able to gain some

idea of the magnitude and anxiety of our operations when I tell you that we have paid out in actual cash over twenty million dollars on war risk claims alone, and I think it will be agreed that for a Company which has had the courage to do its duty its constituents and write war risk at the critical times we have just passed through, when a refusal would have spread dismay in shipping and merchant circles, no reward can be too great (applause).—Turning to the balance sheet, it will perhaps not be out of place to note the fact that our capital is stated for the last time in the currency of this Colony. Our Reserve Fund remains as before, except that the gold reserve shows a lower equivalent in silver owing to the higher rate of exchange at which it is converted. Last year the balance sheet revealed the strongest and most satisfactory financial position it has been our pleasure to place before you, and the figures now submitted show a position even stronger and more satisfactory than last year. The increase in our reinsurance fund is particularly gratifying, as it enables us to meet with confidence any untoward circumstances connected with our business and, combined with similar funds of the companies with which we are affiliated, forms a tower of strength to protect the valuable business we have built up.

The production of these figures, the magnitude of which we feel justly proud, would not have been possible but for the loyal enthusiasm of our staff. That "Union Spirit" so aptly alluded to by my predecessor in the chair, has enabled them to meet cheerfully the enormous strain consequent upon the increasingly complex nature of our business and the depletion of our staff. We have voted them a bonus of 15% to the provident fund and a cash bonus varying from a month's extra pay up to 25%, based on the special circumstances brought about by the war and its effect upon the various places where our employees are stationed. I feel confident, gentlemen, that this will have your undivided support. Your Directors feel that the Society has cause for great congratulation in having had, during the perilous period of the war, the benefit of the long experience, mature judgment and ability of its General Manager Mr. C. Montague Ede; and of its London Underwriter, Mr. H. C. Saunders, and it is only fitting we should record our grateful thanks to these gentlemen for carrying on until its close. It is but natural that, with the return to normal conditions, they should express a wish to retire, and while I am happy to be able to say that the improvement in Mr. Ede's health has assisted us to persuade him to continue at the head of the Society's affairs for a further period of years, we have not been able to induce Mr. Saunders to reconsider his decision. To mark our high appreciation of Mr. H. C. Saunders' long and valuable services extending over a period of 45 years, which have contributed in no small measure to the Society's success, we have invited him to a seat on the London Committee. In the meantime, we desire to record our appreciation of Mr. Saunders' expressed willingness to postpone his retirement until such a date as will give us ample time to consider the appointment of his successor. Your General Manager is now on his way to London with a view to making a personal investigation and you may rest assured that, when the appointment is finally decided upon, you interests in that important centre will be in fully capable and experienced hands.

During the year the Board have confirmed the appointment of Mr. C. H. P. Hay as Deputy General Manager. Mr. Hay was in charge here at the outbreak of war and at that critical time, while in charge upon other occasions since, he has conducted the affairs of the Society with a coolness and ability fully justifying the confidence your Board repose in him.

It is not usual to make any detailed reference to the future at our Annual General Meetings, and many opinions are held as to the prospects of the business of insurance in the years before us, but I think it is generally admitted that, as a result of the successful emergence from the war of Great Britain and her Allies, vast openings will soon present themselves, and the areas accessible throughout the world offer inviting prospects. There are very few places of importance where you will not find a representative of the Society, or of its affiliated Companies, and the organisation we have built up should enable us to take full advantage

of the opportunities which will be offering. It does not necessarily follow, however, that a prosperous condition of trade generally will react beneficially on the business of marine insurance. The past few years have seen the formation of many new Companies, and we have to be prepared not only for a reduced premium income, due to what is practically a cessation of war risk business but for keen competition from new comers and other insurance Companies who, although long-established, have lately increased their activities to the marine side of the business. The demand for marine insurance facilities should, nevertheless, be large enough for all to trade in friendly rivalry without having recourse to a wild and senseless scramble for premium at unremunerative rates. Whatever the future may bring, the widespread nature of our business forms a safeguard against isolated disasters, and a continued consolidation of our position enables us to face their possibility with increased equanimity. On the 12th April last you were notified of the proposals made by the Directors of the North China Insurance Company, Limited, for a fusion of interests of the two Companies. The details of the procedure to be followed in submitting the Provisional Agreement entered into for the confirmation of shareholders are still under consideration, and we expect to be able to issue a further circular at an early date. The war has created an additional bond of union between the Society and its constituents which we feel will not lightly be severed and we confidently look forward to an even greater increase in the support already afforded. You are aware, gentlemen, that the Society compares not unfavourably with the largest institutions of its kind in the world, and it must be a source of pride and satisfaction to you, as it is to us, to feel that this enormous machine has been built up from this small though all important outpost of the British Empire and has been controlled from here ever since the Island became a British possession. The success of that control is, I think, well illustrated by the figures which have periodically come before you. I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as circulated, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may desire to ask.

The Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., said:—Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen.—It is with very great pleasure that I rise to second the adoption of the reports and accounts. It scarcely seems necessary for me to add anything to the very full and interesting statement of the Chairman as the figures speak so eloquently for themselves, but I am sure that every shareholder must be amazed at the record this Society has achieved during these last four years of world-wide upheaval. To have paid away in claims during this period of unparalleled difficulty so large a sum as twenty million dollars and yet be in a stronger financial position than ever before, reflects the greatest credit upon the Directorate, Management and Staff. As the representative of another great institution, to which I have the honour to belong, and which also started its life in this Colony, I feel privileged to say that such figures as you have been accustomed to receive for years past are not so easily attained as shareholders are apt to think—they are the result of careful and able management, accompanied by many worries and anxieties, backed up by the wholehearted co-operation of a loyal staff, without which assistance no concern can be successful—and I am sure we all thoroughly endorse the payment of the bonus to the Provident Fund and cash bonus to the Staff. The Management of large and important concerns like this Society bear great responsibilities, as they are, so to speak, trustees, not only for the shareholders, but also for the prestige of British enterprise in their particular line. Needless to say, the Union Insurance Society of Canton worthily fulfils its duties in both these directions. The various subscriptions to Charities to which our Chairman has made reference, will I know meet with universal approval, and I am sure we are only too pleased to give the Directors a perfectly free hand in such matters. We now come, Gentlemen, to the parting of the ways; the Society casts aside silver and enters the field of gold, and to enter it emblazoned with such reserves is indeed a gratifying augury for the continued

prosperity of the Company. The formerly much-despised dollar has served shareholders well, as it is now being exchanged for over 42 pence, whereas a few years ago many of us would doubtless have been pleased to convert our holdings into sterling at about half that value. Although we are forsaking the currency of the Colony, I trust this will never lead to a transference of the control of the Society elsewhere, as I am convinced that the great success of this Society, and many other local concerns, is in no small measure due to the management being in the East, where Eastern questions and necessities are well understood, and can be readily handled by those on the spot. (Applause) Hongkong may well be proud of its Companies in general and the Union in particular, which has attained such a great position and become one of the leading Insurance Companies of the world. It is a pleasure to learn that we are not to lose our General Manager yet. His tactful guidance and mature judgment will be more than ever desirable in the next few years. The shareholders owe Mr. Ede a great debt of gratitude for the ability with which he has managed the Society in times of exceptional difficulty. There can have been no more difficult business than that of Marine Insurance during recent years, though perhaps I may be permitted to say Exchange Banking probably ran it very close. I feel sure I am voicing your opinion when I say we are extremely fortunate in having such a capable man as Mr. Hay to fill Mr. Ede's place, and that he commands our entire confidence. We learn with much regret, of the retirement of our London Underwriter, Mr. H. C. Saunders, who has been associated with the Society for so many years, and whose ability has in no small measure been responsible for the success attained by the Society. I am sure we all endorse the remarks of the Chairman, of appreciation of Mr. Saunders' long service, and welcome the news that he has been offered a seat on the London Committee. Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously. Mr. Ormiston proposed, and Mr. G. W. Barton seconded, the re-election to the Board of Directors of Messrs. A. O. Lang and J. A. Plummer and the motion was carried.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson proposed and Mr. D. B. Murray seconded, the confirmation of the election to the Board of Directors of Mr. Ross Thomson and the motion was carried. Mr. W. M. Humphreys proposed, and Mr. W. Sinclair seconded, the re-election as auditors for the ensuing year of Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. C. Bernard Brown, at a remuneration of \$1,000 each, and the motion was carried.

The Chairman then announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be had on application.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The fiftieth ordinary yearly meeting of the above Company was held at the offices of the Company, to-day, at 12.30 p.m. The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell presided and there were present Messrs. W. L. Patenden, A. O. Lang, and J. A. Plummer (Directors), Mr. C. H. P. Hay, Deputy General Manager, and Messrs. D. B. Murray, W. R. Mansfield, J. Cochran, P. M. Hodgson, C. Bewley Bird, B. M. C. da Cunha, V. L. dos Remedios, A. E. S. Alves, V. R. V. Ribeiro, M. A. R. Souza, and W. Gardener.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen:—The report has been in your hands for some time and I will, therefore, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take it, as well as the Auditors' Report, as read. I have first to deal with 1917 Account in respect of which we have an available balance of \$452,600.13, which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—

Dividend of \$7 and Bonus of \$2 per share on 20,000 shares \$180,000.00

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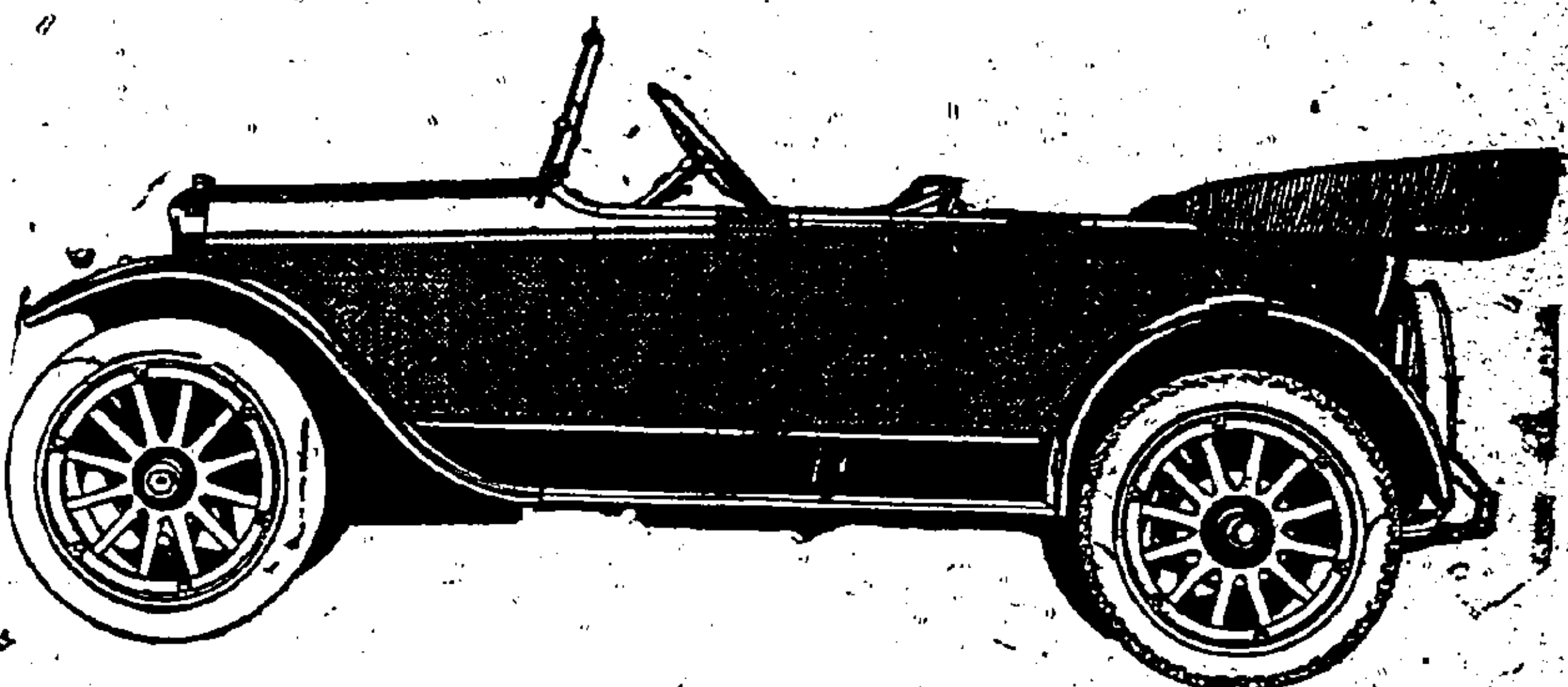
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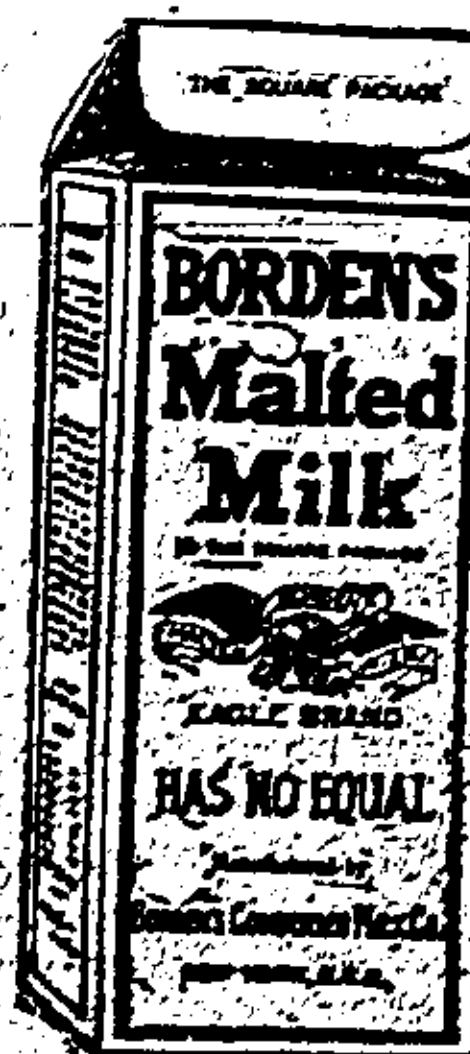
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GENERAL NEWS.

SALE OF ART COLLECTION.

The three days' sale of the first portion of the collection of Japanese and Chinese works of art, formed by the late Mr. Wilson Crowdon, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, held at Sotheby's, brought £2,343 8s.

INFLUENZA DEATHS IN INDIA.

Deaths from influenza in India as a whole in 1916 are calculated at 5,000,000 for British India, and 1,000,000 for India States. In Bombay alone the deaths numbered over 25,000. Deaths from cholera in Bombay last year amounted to about 10,000.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN OBJECTIONS TO PEACE TREATY.

Copenhagen, May 15.
A message from Berlin says Count Brockdorff Rantzau has informed the German delegates that the Versailles Peace Treaty in its present form not acceptable and could not be signed because it was impossible to fulfil the terms and because the German delegation would sign nothing which it did not intend to fulfil. The delegation would endeavour so to improve the treaty as to make signature possible. He reckoned on the full co-operation of all members of the delegation thereon. The speech was received with general applause.

The delegation admits that self-determination can be asserted as regards a number of the proposed territorial changes, but protests against the temporary handing over of the Saar Basin because it is inhabited by a purely German population. It is resolutely opposed to severance from Germany and protests against the ultimate reversion of this region being dependent on Germany's ability to pay in gold, as fifteen years hence it will be impossible for Germany to have the necessary gold at its disposal. Moreover it presumes that the Indemnification Commission if Germany possessed the necessary gold would not permit its use therefor. The delegation recognises that France must be compensated for the destruction of its mines and suggests alternatively the readiness to negotiate on a basis of supplying German coal from the Saar and Ruhr regions until the devastated mines are restored. As regards the cantons to be given to Belgium it declares that no proof can be adduced that the districts are inhabited by a non-German population and says the proposed plebiscite has no justification.

TRIBUTE TO NURSE CAVELL.

London, May 15.
Great crowds turned out on this typically fine English summer day to pay a last tribute of respect to Nurse Cavell. The coffin reached Victoria from Dover and was received by the Coldstream Guards. A procession was formed by the Coldstream Guards and bands of the Scots and Welsh Guards playing the Dead March. Then the bier was mounted on a gun-carriage and the cortege proceeded along the route lined with thousands of soldiers who saluted as the coffin passed. On reaching Westminster Abbey, where a great and distinguished congregation was assembled, including Queen Alexandra, and the Earl of Athlone, representing the King, a moving service was held it being concluded by rolling drums of growing intensity, followed by the Last Post. The cortege reformed and passed amid manifestations of public sorrow along the embankment to Liverpool Street Station en route for Norwich where the remains were finally interred.

THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION.

London, May 15.
Lord Curzon in the House of Lords replying to Lord Crewe said the situation in Egypt had certainly improved although it was not yet describable as satisfactory. Order had been generally restored in the provinces but sporadic disturbances had to be forcibly quelled in some towns, especially Cairo. Egyptian affairs had been conducted without native Ministers since the resignation of the Ministry on April 22. The British Government emphatically declared that it did not intend to abandon the responsibilities which it incurred when the task of governing Egypt was placed on its shoulders.

The Government believed that the Egyptians should be given an ever increasing share in the Government and it was their desire to see Egypt under British guidance advance in prosperity and enlightenment to take its place as a leading Islamic power.

THE AUSTRIAN PEACE.

Paris, May 15.
The Council of Four to-day consulted the Military conditions of which are similar to those of Germany, advisers regarding the Austrian peace terms, the military providing for the disbanding of all unnecessary arsenals, including Skoda, the abolition of conscription and the limitation of the Austrian army. The terms are expected to be handed to the Austrians on May 21.

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